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SUBJ: WEST GERMANS CONSIDER PRE-FAB CONSTRUCTION FOR  
CHANCERY AND STAFF HOUSING IN HANOI

1. DURING RECENT VISIT OF M. BERTELE, CHIEF OF REAL PROPERTY (CHEF DU DEPARTEMENT DES BIENS), MFA, BONN, IN VIENTIANE EN ROUTE HANOI, HE INFORMED US THAT ONE PURPOSE OF TRIP WOULD BE TO CONSIDER POSSIBILITY OF PRE-FAB CONSTRUCTION FOR CHANCERY AND STAFF HOUSING IN HANOI.
  2. PRE-FAB UNITS WOULD BE SHIPPED BY VESSEL FROM EUROPE. HE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY WITH REPRESENTATION IN SRV MAY JOIN IN CONSTRUCTION EFFORT AND SHARE FACILITY. (WEST GERMANS WILL SOON MOVE IN TO PART OF BRITISH EMBASSY HERE SINCE LATTER HAS EXCESS SPACE BECAUSE OF REDUCED STAFFING.)
  3. IT IS GENERALLY COMMON KNOWLEDGE THAT HOUSING AND OFFICE FACILITIES AVAILABLE FOR WESTERN DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN HANOI ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED AND MOST NON-BLOC COUNTRIES ARE HERDED TOGETHER IN THIRD RATE HOTEL WHERE STANDARDS OF CLEANLINESS, COMFORT, SERVICE, AND  
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- CUISINE ARE, TO BE GENEROUS, ATROCIOUS. PERHAPS THIS IS BEST EMPHASIZED BY FACT THAT SOME WESTERNERS IN HANOI REGULARLY TRAVEL TO THE DELIGHTS OF VIENTIANE FOR "R&R". AUSTRALIANS MAINTAIN GUEST HOUSE HERE FOR THEIR COLLEAGUES UP NORTH.
4. WE BELIEVE IN LIGHT OF EXPERIENCE OF OTHER WESTERN

POWERS THAT IN ANY NEGOTIATIONS LEADING TO NORMALIZATION  
BETWEEN US AND SRV CAREFUL CONSIDERATION SHOULD BE  
GIVEN TO MODALITIES OF ESTABLISHING US FACILITIES IN  
HANOI. IN THE ABSENCE OF CLEAR UNDERSTANDINGS ON THIS  
SUBJECT WE WOULD MOST LIKELY REPEAT THE EXPERIENCE OF  
THESE OTHER COUNTRIES MAINTAINING A TOKEN REPRESENTA-  
TION FOR A LONG LONG TIME. A SINAI-TYPE  
CONSTRUCTION EFFORT, WITH MODULAR UNITS BEING FLOWN IN,  
MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE ONE SOLUTION, IN VIEW OF LONG  
OFFLOADING TIME IN HAIPHONG (UP TO SIX MONTHS).  
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